



Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services  
Division of Community and Public Health  
Section for Disease Control and Environmental Epidemiology  
Bureau of HIV, STD, and Hepatitis

## HIV Counseling, Testing & Referral Program QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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October - December 2007

# CTR Updates

Fall Quality Assurance and Contract Monitoring visits were completed. Thank you to all the sites for your corporation and hard work this year.

**NEW PROTOCOL:** for each positive HIV reported on the Monthly Accountability Report, a copy of the lab slip must also be submitted. Information given on the lab slip (specifically the name & DOB) will be used to research the test history of the client to determine if it is a new positive. So, on the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month, please include a copy of the lab slip for all positive tests along with your Monthly Accountability Report. This is for all positive HIV; blood, oral and rapid.

# CTR Annual Meeting Re-cap

### ANNUAL CTR MEETING RE-CAP

#### NEW 'BUBBLE SHEETS':

You all should have started filling out the new HIV Test Form(s).

- Please submit all forms at the end of each month that have a test result **and** if that result has been given to the client.
- If results have not been given to the client, you can hold the form for up to 2 months. After 2 months, if the result has not been given to the client, mark the form appropriately and submit to Sonya Henson.
- HIV Test Form Part 2 – 1<sup>st</sup> question – Was client referred to medical care? This questions is still being reviewed for clarity with MO CTR staff and CDC. You will be updated on the final requirement as soon as possible. Until then, please hold HIV Test Form Part 2 on all HIV positive clients.
- HIV Test Form Part 2 – 2<sup>nd</sup> question – Was client referred to HIV Prevention services? Final requirement is as follows: This would probably generally be DEBIs, but can also include CRCS, prevention counseling, workshops, etc. In the data dictionary, it is defined as, "any prevention service or combination of services, other than medical care and treatment, prenatal care, or PCRS."

#### NEW OUTREACH ACTIVITY REPORT (OAR):

- The January OAR report is due to Sonya, along with your January Monthly Accountability Report, by the 15<sup>th</sup> of February. Please submit a form even if there were no outreach activities to report.

#### SPHL HIV TEST REQUISITION SLIP:

- CTR sites are now required to put the client's name on the lab slip.
- Also new to the form is the Specimen Source and Ethnicity.

#### LAB REMINDERS:

##### Bloods

- Patient ID number must be placed on the blood tube
- Try to get as much blood as possible
- Complete the lab requisition form, especially source of specimen and submitter information

##### Orals

- Patient ID number must be placed on the OraSure device
- Check expiration date on the OraSure device
- Send daily, as specimen must be tested within 21 days of collection
- Complete the lab requisition form, including source of specimen and submitter information

##### OraQuick

- Run controls every 60 days, new shipment, new lot number, new operator, or temperature out of range (record results for Negative, HIV-1, and HIV-2)
- Record temperatures in testing areas and storage area of controls
- On client testing logs, do not use " " marks under kit lot #, expiration date, and test results
- Complete the log to show all confirmatory results for all preliminary positive specimens
- Remove loops prior to inserting the test paddle
- Place the paddle forward during processing
- For any preliminary positive OraQuick specimens coming to the State Lab for confirmation, please check the box on the form stating this or write on the form "preliminary positive OraQuick"

**REMINDER: All initial reactive rapids that do not confirm by Western Blot need a follow up blood sent 4 weeks from initial reactive rapid test date.**

ORASURE COLLECTION DEVICES: were mailed to sites on 1/22/2008. This represents approximately half of your yearly allotment. The next planned shipment would be received in July 2008.

# STDs

**Syphilis Outbreak Status Update** - The following statistics are based on provisional data for the year 2007.

In 2007 there were 357 Early cases of Syphilis:

Primary Syphilis – 106 cases

Secondary Syphilis – 133 cases

Early Latent Syphilis – 118 cases

For more information on syphilis outbreaks or numbers, please contact Melissa VanDyne, State Syphilis Elimination Coordinator, at (573) 751-6129.

# For Review

The National Center for HIV?AIDS, Viral Hepatitis, STD, and TB Prevention (NCHHSTP) has a great informational web site at [www.cdc.gov/nchhstp](http://www.cdc.gov/nchhstp).

# Lab Notes

## STATE PUBLIC HEALTH LAB CONTACT INFORMATION

<b>Dana Strobe</b> <a href="mailto:dana.strobe@dhss.mo.gov">dana.strobe@dhss.mo.gov</a> <b>PH: 573-751-3334</b>	<b>Technical questions on test procedures</b> <b>Test result interpretation</b> <b>Problems obtaining supplies</b>
<b>Sheryl Coons</b> <a href="mailto:sheryl.coons@dhss.mo.gov">sheryl.coons@dhss.mo.gov</a> <b>PH: 573-751-3334</b>	<b>SPHL Rapid HIV Testing Contact</b> <b>Technical questions on rapid HIV test procedures</b> <b>Rapid test result interpretation</b>
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# Statistics

Missouri CTR* Report		
4th Quarter - 2007		
(Blood and Oral numbers based on State Public Health Laboratory reports. Rapid numbers based on site reports.)		
	# Tests	# Positive
<b>October - Blood</b>	2513	6
<b>November - Blood</b>	2037	9
<b>December - Blood</b>	2317	8
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6867</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>October - Oral</b>	423	2
<b>November - Oral</b>	272	1
<b>December - Oral</b>	156	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>851</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>October - Rapid</b>	345	6
<b>November - Rapid</b>	311	10
<b>December - Rapid</b>	204	7
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>860</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>QUARTERLY TOTAL</b>	<b>8578</b>	<b>50</b>
*CTR sites include those sites funded for CTR services and the agencies they subcontract with or provide testing supplies to (28 sites). The number of positive Blood and Oral does NOT include the rapid confirmatory positive testing.		

# Upcoming Events

<b>February 7, 2008</b>	National Black HIV?AIDS Awareness Day
<b>February 28, 2008</b>	Special CPG Meeting in Jefferson City
<b>March 2008</b>	QA Visits have been scheduled
<b>March 10, 2008</b>	National Women and Girls HIV?AIDS Awareness Day

# Contact Information

## State CTR Program Contact Information

<p><b>Cheryl Blaise</b> CTR Coordinator <a href="mailto:cheryl.blaise@dhss.mo.gov">cheryl.blaise@dhss.mo.gov</a> Ph: 660-385-1755 FAX: 660-385-6214 Wk Cell: 573-619-2337 Cell: 660-384-1363</p>	<p><b>CTR policies/procedures</b> <b>HIV Laws and Rules</b></p>
<p><b>Sonya Henson</b> CTR Quality Assurance Coordinator <a href="mailto:sonya.henson@dhss.mo.gov">sonya.henson@dhss.mo.gov</a> Ph: 573-751-6292 FAX: 573-751-6417</p>	<p><b>Data and Statistical needs</b> <b>Quality assurance visits/questions</b></p>
<p><b>Karla Holzer</b> Office Support Assistant <a href="mailto:karla.holzer@dhss.mo.gov">karla.holzer@dhss.mo.gov</a> Ph: 573-751-6120 FAX: 573-751-6417</p>	<p><b>Ordering of scan forms</b></p>
<p><b>Erin Wallau</b> Sr. Office Support Assistant <a href="mailto:Erin.wallau@dhss.mo.gov">Erin.wallau@dhss.mo.gov</a> Ph: 573-522-9071 FAX: 573-751-6447</p>	<p><b>Training Registrations</b> <b>Assigning of Counselor ID Numbers</b></p>

# Training Calendar

## 2008 HIV Training Calendar

### Oral Test Method\*

Dates	Location	Registration Deadline
February 13, 2008	Kansas City, Missouri	January 16, 2008
March 11, 2008	St. Louis, Missouri	February 13, 2008
June 24, 2008	Kansas City, Missouri	May 27, 2008
July 8, 2008	St. Louis, Missouri	June 10, 2008
September 29, 2008	Kansas City, Missouri	September 1, 2008
October 21, 2008	St. Louis, Missouri	September 23, 2008

### HIV Prevention Counseling

Dates	Location	Registration Deadline
February 14-15, 2008	Kansas City, Missouri	January 16, 2008
March 12-13, 2008	St. Louis, Missouri	February 13, 2008
June 25-26, 2008	Kansas City, Missouri	May 27, 2008
July 9-10, 2008	St. Louis, Missouri	June 10, 2008
September 30-October 1, 2008	Kansas City, Missouri	September 1, 2008
October 22-23, 2008	St. Louis, Missouri	September 23, 2008

### Rapid Test Method\*

Dates	Location	Registration Deadline
April 8, 2008	Jefferson City, Missouri	March 11, 2008
August 12, 2008	Jefferson City, Missouri	July 15, 2008

### HIV Positives and Their Partners\*

Dates	Location	Registration Deadline
April 9-10, 2008	Jefferson City, Missouri	March 11, 2008
August 13-14, 2008	Jefferson City, Missouri	July 15, 2008

#### \*Prerequisite – HIV Prevention Counseling

Oral Test Method - May be taken in conjunction with HIV Prevention Counseling

Rapid Test Method - Must be taken in conjunction with HIV Positives and Their Partners

For information or to register for these trainings, please call (573) 751-6439 or toll-free (866) 628-9891. Confirmation letters will be sent to all training participants approximately two weeks prior to the date of the course. Class size is limited, so please register early. The Department of Health and Senior Services reserves the right to cancel a training; if so, participants will be notified.

Note: These trainings are offered free of charge. Transportation, lodging, and/or meals will be on your own.

# Training Classes

## Bureau of HIV, STD, and Hepatitis HIV Trainings Available

### **HIV Prevention Counseling (HPC)**

This course is designed to develop a counselor's proficiency in conducting HIV Prevention Counseling. The focus of this course is to enable counselors to more effectively support clients to 1) identify their personal HIV risk behavior and circumstances; 2) identify specific risk reduction goals; and 3) develop a realistic, personalized action plan to achieve these goals. One unit of this course will focus on hepatitis and other STDs and how they are related to HIV transmission. A prerequisite for this course is basic HIV knowledge.

### **Oral Test Method (OTM)**

This course prepares participants to collect oral specimens for HIV antibody detection and to educate clients about the oral test method. Participants will build skills in specimen collection by performing an oral test. A prerequisite for this course is attendance at HPC training and an approved plan to use this method of testing. (Attendance may be in conjunction with HPC.)

### **HIV Positives and Their Partners (Partner Counseling and Referral Services)**

This course is designed for selected staff in agencies that deliver positive HIV results to clients. The curriculum focuses on services for individuals recently diagnosed with HIV and their sex and needle-sharing partners. Participants will build skills in partner elicitation, partner counseling, and referral service provision. A prerequisite for this course is HPC and participants must be registered by the counseling, testing, and referral site (lead agency) in their area of the state.

### **HIV Rapid Test Method**

This course prepares the participant to collect oral or blood specimens for rapid HIV antibody detection. A prerequisite for this course is HPC and HIV Positives and Their Partners (PCRS) and participants must be registered by the counseling, testing, and referral site (lead agency) in their area of the state.

### **Registrations**

All registrations must go through the Bureau of HIV, STD, and Hepatitis staff, with priority given to contracted agencies with the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services. All courses have limited space available and are offered free of charge.

**Registration deadlines will be strictly adhered to so early registration is recommended.**

# Rapid Testing Sites

<p>St. Louis Metro Center Counseling &amp; Testing 634 N. Grand St. Louis, MO 63103 PH: 314-612-5885 Contact: Rochelle Turner <a href="mailto:Turnerr@stlouiscity.com">Turnerr@stlouiscity.com</a></p>	<p>Kansas City Health Department 2400 Troost Kansas City, MO 64108 PH: 816-513-6091 Contact: Dinyelle Baker <a href="mailto:Dinyelle_Baker@kcmo.org">Dinyelle_Baker@kcmo.org</a></p>
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